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School Directories

By now schools have received the 1986-87 *Directory of Montana Schools*. Please make the following corrections on the back cover: Roberta Snively is Big Horn County Superintendent; Penny Bourquin, Carbon County Superintendent; Ann Kibler, Garfield County Superintendent; and Patricia Zinda, Wibaux County Superintendent.

Apologies for the errors.

Constitution Poster Exhibit Available

A set of 12 posters entitled, "The Blessings of Liberty," which tells the story of the U.S. Constitution and commemorates the document's 200th anniversary, is available to schools on a loan basis through the Montana Committee for the Humanities.

The poster display and accompanying User's Guide are a readily available educational resource for schools, libraries and other community institutions. The exhibit also contains lesson materials and worksheets suitable for elementary and secondary students.

If you are interested in borrowing this resource, contact the Instructional Materials Service at the University of Montana (243-4070).

Lewistown Staff Program Honored

The National Center for the Improvement of Learning has recognized Lewistown School District 1 as one of nine districts in the country with an exemplary staff development program.

The district will receive its award at the American Association of School Administrators Conference in February. It also is one of three school districts in the nation asked to present their programs at the convention.

The Lewistown program was initiated in 1984 and is under the direction of Sid Wilson, who teaches at Fergus High School.

Vo-Ed Grant Proposals Sought

Schools will receive information this month on submitting proposals for funds from the Carl Perkins Vocational Education Act, a federal program to improve vocational education. The deadline for submitting proposals is January 19, 1987.

The funds require a 50-50 match and will be available in July 1987. Grants may be requested under 26 categories, such as handicapped, disadvantaged, guidance, adult training and retraining and other areas.

If you plan to seek funds under this program, call OPI's Department of Vocational Education for assistance (444-4441).

Constitution Bicentennial Poster

The Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, through West Publishing Company, has distributed to every high school in the U.S. a copy of an original painting of the signing of the Constitution. Schools are encouraged to frame the print and use it as a learning resource for their students, particularly as the document's bicentennial is celebrated in 1987.

Schools might draw on the vocational abilities of their schools or local sheltered workshops for the framing of the poster.

For more information, contact the Private Programs of the Commission on the Bicentennial of the Constitution (202-653-5417).

"Count on Domino's" Math Activities

The "Count on Domino's" math activities program, co-sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and Domino's Pizza, Inc., invites you to participate in a program designed to encourage students to use their ingenuity and math skills.

Students create games, activities or problems by using sets of double-six dominoes. They then submit their ideas for judging. Information is available at Domino's Pizza until December 31, and entries must be postmarked no later than January 31, 1987.

Prizes for students in categories of K-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12 will be awarded on state and national levels. All participating students will receive certificates, and their schools will receive an NCTM membership.

School, Community and Adolescent Drug Abuse Prevention Training

Community Intervention, Inc., a Minneapolis group that provides training for adolescent alcohol and drug abuse programs, and the Great Falls Community Core Team will hold a five-day workshop, "Alcohol and Drugs: Working With Adolescents in Schools and Community." The workshop will be held in Great Falls, January 26-30.

Presenters will give information on preassessment, intervention, successful school and community programs, family dynamics, networking and other subjects. Educators, parents, community leaders, volunteer organizations and others are encouraged to attend. The workshop fee is $395.

For preregistration information, contact Community Core Team, 1245 Park Garden Road, Great Falls, MT 59404 (761-6680).

Browning Awarded Ed Department Grant

Browning Public Library has received a grant from the U.S. Department of Education to expand its literacy

program on the Blackfeet Reservation. The library is one of 240 public and state libraries across the country to receive funds for initiating or expanding programs that teach reading and writing skills to the nation's illiterate.

The library, which is on the Blackfeet Community College campus, plans to use the grant for transportation, tutor training and educational materials.

Organizing for Industry-Education Cooperation

The National Association of Industry-Education Cooperation offers a training program for local industry and education representatives who wish to establish a framework for long-term industry-education cooperation. The program focuses on the careful planning, organization, implementation and evaluation of alliances aimed at making academic and vocational education more responsive to student and employer needs.

For information on sponsoring a training session, contact NAIEC, 235 Hendricks Blvd., Buffalo, NY 14226 (716-834-7047).

CALENDAR

Jan. 19--Deadline for proposals for Carl Perkins Vocational Education Program funds, OPI (444-4441)

Jan. 19-20--County Superintendents Workshop, OPI, Helena (444-3159)

Jan. 19-20--Board of Public Education, Helena (444-6576)

Jan. 20--Martin Luther King's Birthday

Jan. 26-30--*Alcohol and Drugs: Working With Adolescents in Schools and the Community*, Great Falls (761-6680).

MISSING CHILDREN INFORMATION

The following is the State Dept. of Justice's most current list of missing Montana children and teenagers (age 17 and under). For details on the Missing Children Program, call Bill Erwin, Dept. of Justice, Helena, 444-3625. (PD=Police Dept.; SO=Sheriff's Office; TP=Tribal Police)

NAME	SEX	RACE	DOB	AGE	HT/WT	HAIR	EYE	STATION
Best, Helen D.	F	W	13172	14	5'8"/130	BLN	BLU	Hardin SO
Contway, Heidi E.	F	W	6978	8	4'4"/60	BRO	HAZ	Great Falls SO
Contway, Jason	M	W	62680	6	3'8"/50	BRO	HAZ	Great Falls SO
Contway, Jayson T.	M	W	81280	6	3'10"/47	BRO	BLU	Great Falls SO
Little Whiteman, Janice	F	I	62570	15	5'5"/140	BRO	BRO	NCheyenne TP
Marshall, Nyleen	F	W	91878	7	3'2"/29	BRO	BLU	Boulder SO
Romsa, Yollanda	F	W	5371	15	5'1"/120	BLK	HAZ	Polson SO
Schottlander, Michelle	F	W	42570	16	5'4"/100	BLN	BRO	YellowstoneCoSO
Strutzel, Michael J.	M	W	12481	4	3'0"/30	BLN	BLU	Butte/SlvBowSO
Woodford, Ryan Lynn (aka Ryan Tennyson, Ryan Watson)	M	W	61471	15	4'8"/95	BRO	BLU	Dept. of Justice

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